

## NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

The News of Old North State Gathered and Put in Condensed Form.

### Big Run on the Wachovia.

Salisbury, Special. — The run on the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co. Thursday morning made the State sit up and take notice. Messages from all sections came and the stupid, if not malicious lie, started Wednesday shows that truth sometimes feeds upon crusts while falsehood fattens at Lucullan feasts. It took a long time and required a great amount of wisdom to handle the situation in a way to hold the confidence of the depositors. There was a whisper that a run on the High Point Bank had been started. The story went on wings and men and women spent uneasy hours. They were there with hysterics and their certificates of deposit. But Cashier Sander and President Lee S. Overman were there with the goods and as fast as one man took out his gold, other men with faith came and backed up the institution that is entitled to all the confidence of all the people of the city. It is doubtful if the bank has a cent less than it had when the lie began its circuit. All those who called on the bank for their deposits were paid promptly and after the scare was over, many returned their cash to the bank again.

### Only Female Deputy Marshal.

Greensboro, Special. — While it is not generally known the Western district of North Carolina has one of the few—perhaps the only—lady deputy marshal in the United States. There is nothing to prevent a marshal appointing a woman, but it is not generally considered desirable for one. The woman who holds that position in this district is Miss Jessie Myrick, a niece of Marshal Milikan. Miss Myrick went to Salisbury to serve a restraining order upon Mr. Hayden Clement, Assistant Attorney General for the State of North Carolina. The order is one of the many processes that have been issued since the beginning of the litigation relative to the enforcement of the State's new rate law. Miss Myrick recently served the papers in Reidsville in the case of Jas. P. Richardson & Co., against the American Tobacco Company.

### Reassessment of Railroads.

The corporation commission makes public a statement of the re-assessment of railroads other quasi-public corporations. It shows that railroad property has advanced from \$70,077,361 to \$84,412,833. The assessment of the Atlantic Coast Line is made \$30,000 a mile; the Seaboard Air Line \$20,424; Southern Railway (all lines) \$25,572; North Carolina Railway division of Southern \$47,373, giving this division a valuation of \$10,573,762 against \$6,680,000 by the last assessment. Ninety-nine other quasi-public corporations are assessed \$7,072,616 against \$6,173,428 by previous assessment.

### Girl Drowned While Wading.

Newbern, Special. — A distressing accident occurred near here in the drowning of Bessie, the 7-year-old daughter of J. J. Rhodes, captain on a river steamer. Rhodes had taken a family to Wilkinson's Point for a day's outing and they were having a most enjoyable time. The little girl went in wading and stepped in a deep hole and sank immediately. The strong current took her down the stream and it was with considerable difficulty that the body was recovered. The body was in the water an hour and a half.

### A Hint to Hurry.

Goldsboro, Special. — An official note has been served upon the several railroads centering here, by the Corporation Commission notifying them that the union passenger station for Goldsboro must be completed according to the plans submitted by the railroads and approved by the Commission last January, by November 26 under penalty.

### Found Dead in Road.

Newton, Special. — Monday morning about 9 o'clock Mr. J. P. White of Mountain Creek township, left his home near Denver to walk to the house of his son, Mr. Locke White, about a mile and a half distant. About 11 o'clock the farm hands of Mr. E. D. Bamble, on their way to dinner found Mr. White, lying near the path, with his head in a branch. He was dead and the supposition is that while bathing his head in the endeavor to cool the intense heat, he died or fell and was drowned.

### Fire at Lincolnton.

Lincolnton, Special. — Fire last week burned to the ground the planing mill and cotton ginery belonging to Messrs. John and Caldwell Motz, entailing a loss of something like \$8,000, with not a cent of insurance. In addition to lumber two engines, two 25-horse power engines and a patent dry kiln were consumed. One kiln of lumber belonged to Messrs. Keever & McCorkle.

### Zeke Lewis Not Guilty.

Monroe, Special. — The jury in the case of Zeke Lewis the second of the defendants tried in the Anson county lynching cases, brought in a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and three-quarters. After the verdict was announced Judge Peebles requested the jurors to take their seats and said as there were only two more days of this special term, the regular term of Superior Court beginning next Monday there would not be time to try another case. "But," he continued, "if we had time I would not try another one of these cases. There is so much feeling here in favor of the defendants that the trial of any more cases now would be a farce. I suggest to the solicitor that he move for a removal to some other county. Lynching will never cease in North Carolina until there is a strong, healthy sentiment against it. There is no doubt that this lynching was committed and we have 23 men indicted here for the crime, yet a great many well-known citizens of Anson county have admitted here on the stand that they had contributed money to the defense. There is a strong popular feeling here too in their favor and I don't see any use in prosecuting them further here now." All the rest of the defendants were required to give bonds of \$5,000 each inside of 15 days for their appearance at the next January term of Union County Superior Court.

### Drew Money Out; Got Robbed.

Spencer, Special. — Following a run which was made on the Wachovia Loan & Trust Co., here a customer who withdrew \$700 was robbed of the same within a few hours after he left the bank with the cash. There is no clue to the guilty party. H. T. Hackett another depositor of the same bank was robbed of \$30 by a room mate who skipped the country. The run on the bank began early in the day and continued until noon, all checks being paid promptly and without the least embarrassment to the bank. Conditions became normal in the afternoon and many depositors returned to the bank with their money.

### In Deep Water.

Reidsville, Special. — Dick Seales a colored man of Madison, was drowned while seining with Mayor McMichaels and a party of citizens near Madison. The unfortunate affair happened at the point where the Dan and Mayo rivers run together. Seales stepped into deep water and endeavored to swim to the bank. The current however was too swift for him and he was drowned before assistance could reach him. It is believed that he either died from fright or heart failure before he sank.

### Verdict for \$5,000.

Asheboro, Special. — In the case of M. W. Parish against the High Point Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad for personal injuries the jury has just returned a verdict for five thousand dollars in favor of the plaintiff. No motions made in the case yet. Lawyers Spence and Moffitt and other parties to a supplemental bill in equity with a reference to the rate bill, were served with a second installment of orders and an ancillary bill. Court will continue next week.

### Coast Line Acquires Fayetteville Property.

Fayetteville, Special. — Thursday afternoon Harry Walters, of Baltimore, one of the largest stockholders in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad conveyed twenty-four pieces of valuable property in this city to the railroad company.

### Girl Burned to Death.

Morehead City, Special. — Tuesday morning about ten o'clock the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Guthrie while in the act of starting a fire in the cook stove took the half gallon kerosene oil can which was filled, and began to pour oil on the wood, when the oil ignited and exploded in the can.

### Bond Refused Rowlands.

Raleigh, Special. — The application for release by Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Rowland, under habeas corpus proceedings, was refused by Associate Justice Conner, of the Supreme Court. He announced that as the burden was on the Rowlands to show their innocence of the charge of the murder of Charles R. Strange, Mrs. Rowland's former husband, and that as this had not been done, he remanded them to jail for the next term of court, without any prejudice to either them or to the State.

### Life Crushed Out.

Durham, Special. — Charles Green, a young man, was almost instantly killed at the plant of the Carrington Lumber Company in East Durham Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock. He was caught under a number of very heavy doors that were leaned against the wall in the salesroom and so badly mashed was he that he did not live but a few minutes. Young Green was about 15 years old.

## Is Mere Man Getting Gay?

A casual comparison of the summer man of 1907 with the corresponding types of previous seasons would seem to indicate that he is increased frivolity the keynote of masculine modes. Marked male tendency toward rowdy raiment causes sober-minded to view the situation with alarm.



SUMMER MAN OF 1907.

—Week's Cleverest Cartoon by Triggs, in the New York Press.

## FIGHTING A TRUST WITH TERRORISM.

Kentucky Tobacco Planters Have Started a Co-Operative Campaign That May End in a Great Feud.

MONOPOLY'S AGENTS DRIVEN OUT AND FARMERS' SOCIETY IN A POSITION TO START MANUFACTURING

Lexington, Ky.—Will the Kentucky tobacco planters be able to command their own price for the product of their lands or will their fight with the Tobacco Trust result in a great feud in which many lives are to be sacrificed? This question is agitating Kentucky farmers at present.

The producers of Blue Grass seed have formed a pool and sold their entire crop this season at a greatly advanced price, but this will be sold back to the other farmers, and they must pay the additional profits. The seed of wheat have attempted a pool with some success, and the breeders of thoroughbred horses have a tacit understanding so that prices are enhanced.

In Western Kentucky the planter who will not join the Tobacco Association fears to close his eyes lest some of his property be destroyed by "night riders." In Central Kentucky there are some planters who say the men who are building up the tobacco pools have objects of graft before them, and they will not go in.

The trust buyers are having a hard time. They dare not reveal themselves in the black tobacco district, for the tobacco planters in that end of the State fear no law. The Fire Marshal and the Governor have each taken a hand in trying to suppress lawlessness, but it is increasing with alarming rapidity. The Grand Jurors will not act, nor will the Sheriffs of the counties investigate the lawless deeds of the night riders, either through fear or sympathy.

### Work of the "Night Riders."

The disorder specially centres in Triggs, Caldwell, Todd, and Hopkins Counties, which are infested with the so-called "Night Riders." The work was first confined to threats and intimidation, but when it was seen that these methods did not have the desired effect violent methods were pursued. It is now a daily occurrence for farmers to be taken from their homes at night and severely flogged by masked men or to awake and find their barns destroyed by fire or dynamite. A new scheme was discovered by laborers on the farm of Dr. Work in Triggs County, who were seriously injured by a discharge of dynamite placed in wheat shocks during the night. The dynamite exploded when the wheat was passed through the machinery.

That the influence of the association is spreading and has reached the white Burley district was shown in the last week, when the farmers of Mason County were unable to get hands to thrash their wheat because they were not members of the association, and thousands of bushels will spoil as a result.

### Strong Anti-Trust Organization.

Meanwhile the efforts to organize the tobacco people have advanced rapidly, and it is now estimated that the American Society of Equity,

which is doing the work, has about 261,000,000 pounds of tobacco in its control. This represents sixty per cent. of the 1906 crop and eighty-five per cent. of the 1907 crop. The farmers who subscribed to the stock of the society to enable it to carry the tobacco have been paid for only one-half of the tobacco they have put in, and unless the society succeeds there is bound to be a terrible slump.

Prof. J. D. Clark, one of the leading men in the society, who has just returned from the meeting of the leading tobacco men of the country at Louisville, says:

"First, it is proposed to declare the tobacco now controlled by the society off the market, then to organize a co-operative stock company for the manufacture of the tobacco on hand and its distribution direct to the retail merchants. It is proposed to capitalize this company at \$10,000,000 and erect big manufacturing plants in the various districts.

"Half of the capital stock, of \$5,000,000, is to be taken by the growers who are members of the society and paid for in tobacco to their credit in the pool. The remaining \$5,000,000 is to be preferred stock and will be sold to banks, business men, and investors who in many sections are already interested in the movement and who have demonstrated their willingness to give the society financial backing. With the stock thus placed it would be an easy matter for the company to issue bonds for the erection of factory buildings.

"A trust agent stated to us only a few days ago that the trust had enough tobacco to keep it running for two years, and that the independent companies had about a year's supply. With this supply exhausted and the Equity Society in control of the market, the trust would have to close up shop, and the producers, being their own manufacturers, would make the twenty cents on every pound of tobacco sold which now goes to enrich the trust magnates. This is in brief the plan which is being considered by the Equity Society, and which appears practical."

### Trust Made to Pay More.

The black burley people have been far more successful in organizing than have the planters of the white variety. In the dark belt for the last four or five years the trust has been compelled to give advanced prices for the weed. Many attempts were made before a successful plan was found to finance the tobacco association. When the company went to the Eastern financiers for money they met the opposition of the Tobacco Trust, and their plans always miscarried. In the last two years, however, the county banks have taken up the paper, and the society has been able to pay for the tobacco subscribed, giving the farmer the market price, one-half in cash and the other half in stock in the society, with the further agreement that he is to share in the profit.

### The National Game.

Adrian Joss says Clark is the best catcher in the business. There is none better than the Cleveland backstop.

The Philadelphia National League team management has sold William Dugdale to the Pittsburgh Club. Dugdale is the oldest member of the Phillies' pitching staff.

Chief Zimmer announces his permanent retirement from baseball. The Chief is forty-seven years old. He was in the game for over twenty years and in that time was catcher, manager and umpire.

### Prominent People.

Columbia has made Gov. Hughes an LL.D.

Theobald Chartran, the artist, died after a long illness at Paris.

Federal Judge Pritchard was once a United States Senator from North Carolina.

King Victor Emmanuel intends to visit England, accompanied by an Italian fleet.

Yale University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on United States Senator Philander C. Knox.

## CRIME-WAVE MAKES CHILDREN VICTIMS

Over One Hundred Attacks in Two Months in New York.

### ONE YOUNG GIRL DRIVEN INSANE

Police Search For Her Assaultants at North Beach—Bingham Says Courts Do Not Aid the Police—Children Forbidden to Play.

New York City.—The records at Police Headquarters show that since the murder of fifteen-year-old Amelia Staffeldt at Elmhurst, L. I., on May 22, there have been 110 attacks upon women and children in New York City.

A wave of this sort of crime seems to be growing, and there are daily additions to the list of victims.

Of three cases brought to light in the past twenty-four hours, one is of especial pathos. Virginia Ida Barish, seventeen years old, of 410 East Seventy-ninth street, was attacked by nine men at North Beach on Wednesday, and is now violently insane in the Kings County Hospital. None of her assailants has been found.

Another case is reported from Lincolnville, S. I., where five-year-old Annie Fowkowski wandered home terribly injured. She named Joseph Nowyak as her assailant, and he is locked up.

The effect of the steadily increasing number of these attacks has been to arouse a feeling of alarm in New York homes. The children who usually play until late in the evening on the streets during hot weather, are being called in earlier, and in few localities are they left to play at any time without guardians, though the housewives of the poor can ill afford the time from their duties to watch them.

Police Commissioner Bingham said that during the epidemic of this sort of crime it would be well for the mothers of the city to keep their children indoors as much as possible, and to keep watch over them more closely than ever.

Every member of the police force has been ordered to be particularly on the alert, especially where young girls and children congregate, and where they can be reached by men of suspicious appearance. The police have been instructed to place under arrest at once any man whom they have the slightest cause to suspect.

In the 110 cases reported to the police a large number of the assailants have never been detected, and of those arrested most have escaped with slight punishment.

### CHILDREN STABBED BY RIPPER

Berlin Parents Terrorized and German City Intensely Excited.

Berlin, Germany.—Unparalleled in this country for brutality are the acts of a man who slashed three little girls in this city, cutting open their stomachs with a sharp weapon and then making his escape before an alarm could be given. The entire police force of Berlin is hunting for the man and the utmost excitement has been aroused among the residents. Posters describing the fiend have been placed on all the advertising pillars and a reward of \$1000 has been offered for his capture.

The crimes of the man have struck terror in the hearts of all parents in this city. The deeds caused almost every mother in the city to keep her little ones off the street and to watch them at home. Hardly a child could be seen playing in the street after news of his acts became known.

In a few hours the assassin enticed three girls, the oldest only five years old, into doorways of houses and stabbed them several times in the abdomen with a sharp instrument. As a result one of the children is dead, another was fatally wounded and the third dangerously injured.

### RATE WAR RENEWED.

Prosecution May Extend to President Finley of Southern.

Asheville, N. C.—Indictments were issued against the Southern Railway ticket agents at Marion and Old Fort for violating the passenger rate law, and the agents were arrested and placed in the custody of the Sheriff. This is only the beginning of a renewal of hostilities between the State and the Federal courts and the Southern Railway resulting from Governor Glenn's refusal to agree to the proposal of Assistant Attorney General Sanford.

The indictments brought at Marion were expected, as Judge Lyon had instructed the jury there to proceed against the Southern Railway. Judge Lyon acted on the policy and instructions of Governor Glenn to all Superior Court Judges of the State.

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Glenn at midnight announced that he had instructed Solicitor Spauldine to indict the high officials of the Southern Railway and not the agents.

### Eddy Case Begun.

The first hearing to determine the competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy was held at Concord, N. H.

### No Unwritten Law in Oklahoma.

William R. Rhea, who shot and killed A. C. Newell at El Reno, Okla., March 17, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. Rhea pleaded the unwritten law, being charged with murder, and the jury was out three hours.

### Mrs. Leslie Convicted.

Mrs. Leslie was sentenced in London to five years at hard labor for trying to defraud by the use of J. Pierpont Morgan's name.

## WANTON SLAYER KILLS GIRL

Charles F. Warner Commits Two Cowardly Crimes in New York.

Pursued From Scene of First Murder Three Hours Later He Shoots John C. Wilson, Millionaire Hatter.

New York City.—Cowardice, coupled with almost unbelievable stupidity on the part of a group of policemen, made it possible for Charles Frank Warner, fifty-six years old, former convict, prosperous hat merchant, drunkard and cheap gambler, to shoot John C. Wilson, of the firm of John C. Wilson & Co., hat manufacturers, of No. 26 Waverley place, after Warner had murdered Miss Esther Norling, twenty-three years old, a bookkeeper employed in the haberdashery store of William C. White, in No. 3 West Forty-second street. Almost three hours intervened between the two shootings. From Forty-second street Warner walked leisurely down to Waverley place and Greene street, entered Wilson's place and asked for the loan of \$10. Wilson was walking toward the safe to get the money when Warner shot him.

The final capture of the murderer was due to the quick action of a truckman, who struck him down with a steel bale hook as he was running away. For his capture of Warner, the truckman, Jacob Rose, who is known in the business section as "Big Jake," was arrested. He was discharged honorable as soon as he was arraigned before a magistrate.

Had the police acted with celerity it was said, Warner would not have been able to have committed the second shooting. He has been confined in the Spaulding building, at No. 29 West Forty-second street, where he had taken refuge after murdering the young woman. Three policemen started up the stairs after him, but a shot from Warner's pistol drove them back, and they ran into the street. One bluecoat telephoned for the reserves, and when they arrived they held a meeting in front of the building.

For three-quarters of an hour the murderer stood at the top of the first flight of stairs, invisible to the policemen below, but evidently ready to shoot any one trying to arrest him. No effort toward capture was made. Instead, the police stood lined in front of the building with clubs drawn, ready to jump on Warner should he come out meekly and surrender.

The fugitive, however, was not in an obliging mood. After waiting almost an hour for the policemen to try to get him and seeing that no effort was being made to do so, he looked about for a means of escape. He found it easy to get away. Climbing down a fire escape, he reached the yard, which faces the rear of a garage in West Forty-second street. Warner calmly walked through the rear door, where men were working, went over to Broadway, returned to Forty-second street and Sixth avenue, stopping in the store of a friend to announce he was going to kill Wilson, went down town and shot the second object of his rage.

Crowned with incidents were the three hours that elapsed between the time Warner murdered the girl and the moment he shot Wilson. There were chases after the murderer, firing of pistol shots in Forty-second street, a fight for the possession of the murderer's weapon, which he had hurled at one of his pursuers; bravery on the part of a boy who tried to capture Wilson, and the stupidity of the police, who finally let Warner escape. After the shooting of the hat manufacturer there was a second chase in the street, more shooting and the capture of the fugitive by the truckman. After Rose had borne the murderer to the ground the crowd that had kept carefully out of range of Warner's pistol set upon him and almost kicked and beat him to death. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. He came to New York about thirty years ago from Buffalo, where he had been a deputy sheriff under Grover Cleveland.

### FARMER KILLS THREE.

Uses Axe on Son, Wife and Aged Friend—Finally Shot.

Nunda, Mich.—Henry Scutcheon, a farmer, about fifty years old, living near this village, ran amuck with an axe, killing his invalid son, his wife and George Anning, her foster father and his friend. Scutcheon was later shot by Henry McClellan, a neighbor, whom he had also attacked.

Scutcheon attacked his son with no warning, as far as is known. He crushed the boy's head frightfully. When his wife interfered he chased her, screaming, to the road, where he knocked her down with his axe. He then rushed back to the house and murdered her foster father, who was over seventy.

Next he tried to kill himself. He gashed his throat and wrists with a razor and took some Paris green. His wounds did not weaken him and the poison did not take immediate effect.

When Scutcheon found that his wife was in the McClellan home alive he smashed a window with his axe, jumped through it and again attacked her. This time he crushed her skull. He then went home, but when McClellan returned came out and started over toward him, saying, "I want you, too."

"I will shoot if you come across the road," replied McClellan, who had armed himself with a shotgun.

Despite the warning Scutcheon came across and McClellan killed him.

### MONEY POISON PROVED FATAL.

Paymaster Coffin Dies at Manila After Counting Greenbacks.

Manila, P. I.—Paymaster Eugene Coffin is dead. He died of blood poisoning which resulted from the infection of a finger, incurred while counting greenbacks that were to be used in paying off the troops.

His left arm was amputated in an attempt to save his life. The amputation was deferred too long.